#### WSMA Physician Survey: Electronic Health Information in Washington State

The Washington State Medical Association is participating in the Washington State Health Care Authority's (HCA) <u>Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board (HIIAB)</u>.

A key question to address is the funding model for creating such an electronic infrastructure, that is, stated more pointedly: "Who will pay for this?". The HIIAB Board has asked the WSMA to take the pulse of our member physicians on this issue.



#### **RESPONSE**

Launch 4/11/2006

2 solicitations

• Email Invites 3238

• Visits 564 (17%)

Partial

• Complete 495 (15%)

## Q.2 How many physicians and midlevel practitioners are in your practice?

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a) 1
b) 2 – 10
c) 11 – 25
d) 26 – 50
e) 51 – 99
f) 100 and higher

Number

Number of	Response
Responses	Ratio
82	16%
207	41%
93	18%
37	7%
26	5%
63	12%



## Q. 3 Does your practice <u>currently use</u> an Electronic Medical Record?

		Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Yes		250	50%
No		255	50%
	Total	505	100%



Q. 4 Do you think an interconnected community of physicians' practices, hospitals, laboratories and other health care entities that would allow you to easily access complete information on your patients, would add value to your practice in caring for your patients?

		Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Yes		471	93%
No		34	7%
	Total	505	100%



## Q. 5 If <u>Yes</u>, what <u>benefits</u> would you/your practice or your patients realize?

	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
a) Ability to track patients	402	84%
b) Disease management mechanisms	318	67%
c) Patient safety improvements	373	78%
d) Practice efficiency improvements	379	79%
e) Reimbursement increases	125	26%
f) Other, please specify:	100	21% Washington State Medical Association  Physician Driven Patient Focused

#### Q. 5 Comments: Benefits

- Enhances inpatient care
- Drug formulary help
- Access records from multiple locations
- Paperless
- Improve preventive medicine
- Improved efficiency
- Avoid duplication of tests/labs/etc

- Convenience
- Better coordination and continuity of care
- Data available for P4P
- Lower costs related to records
- Decrease liability
- Decrease utilization of dictation
- Delivery of specialist reports

# Q. 6 If your practice <u>currently</u> participates in a <u>local</u> interconnected community of physicians' practices, hospitals, laboratories and other heath care entities.

	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
a) Group Health	25	11%
b) Inland NW Health Services	50	22%
c) Multicare	20	9%
d) NW Physicians Network/Siemens	23	10%
e) Peace Health Systems	28	13%
f) Other, please specify:	100	45% Washington State Medical Association  Physician Driven Patient Focused

#### Q. 6 Other Entities

Assn of Samaritan Physicians	Madrona
Central Washington Hospital	Medical Associates of Yakima
Chart Connect	One Health Port
Childrens Hospital	Polyclinic w/ Swedish
CliniTech	Providence
Community Hospital	Puget Sound Family Physicians
Doclinks	Rockwood Clinic, PS
Empire Health	St Joseph Med Clinic
Evergreen Health Care	St Mary Med Center
Franciscan Health Systems	The Everett Clinic & PEMC
Health Management Assoc.	UW Medicine
Highline Med Center	Valley General
Integrated Chin for Wenatchee	Vancouver Clinic
Jefferson Healthcare	Veteran Affairs
Kadlec Med Center	Virginia Mason



Q. 7 Would you/your practice be willing to <u>pay a monthly fee</u> to develop a <u>countywide</u> or <u>statewide</u> interconnected community of physicians' practices, hospitals, laboratories and other health care entities?

		Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Yes		211	46%
No		245	54%
	Total	456	100%
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Q. 8 If Yes, how much would you/your practice be willing to pay per month per FTE physician? (FTE – Full Time Equivalent means typically working about 40 hrs per week)

	Number of Responses	Response Ratio	
a) Not willing to pay for this	149	42%	
b) \$1 - \$25	95	27%	
c) \$26 - \$50	59	16%	
d) \$51 - \$75	15	4%	
e) \$76 - \$100	18	5%	
f) \$101 - \$125	9	3%	
g) \$126 - \$150	4	1%	
h) \$151 - \$175	1	0%	
i) \$176 - \$200	3	1% Washington WS/VA	
j) More than \$200	9	3% State Medical Association  Physician Driven Patient Focused	

# Q. 9 If you selected 8-a "Not willing to pay for this", please explain your reasons for that position. Responses Listed by Frequency

- Lack of funds/too many fees already
- Have own system, don't need another
- Insurance/patient should pay for it
- More questions before ability to answer
- Would be inefficient (if run by government)

- Don't see benefit
- State/taxes should pay for it
- Not in position to comment
- Patient/privacy security
- Consider usage fee

## Q. 10 How much would you estimate <u>one of your patients</u> would be willing to pay <u>per month</u> for access to their Electronic Medical Record?

	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
a) Not willing to pay	263	58%
b) \$1 - \$5	142	32%
c) \$6 - \$10	35	8%
d) \$11 - \$20	7	2%
e) \$21 - \$30	1	0%
f) \$31 - \$40	0	0%
g) \$41 - \$50	0	0%
h) More than \$50	2	0%
Total	450	Washington State Medical Association  Physician Driven Patient Focused